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shall not be less than one-half inch in height.

(b) *Minimum quantities.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, nectarines may be handled without regard to the provisions of §§916.41, 916.52, 916.53, 916.55, and 916.60 under the following conditions:

(1) Such nectarines meet the grade requirements set forth in Article 30 of the Food and Agriculture Code of California.

(2) Such nectarines are for home use and not for resale.

(3) The net weight of such nectarines to any one vehicle during any one day does not exceed 200 pounds.

(4) Such nectarines are handled by the person who produced them; and the handling takes place (i) on the premises where grown, (ii) at a packing-house or retail stand nearby which is operated by said handler, or (iii) at a certified farmers market in compliance with section 1392 of the regulations of the California Department of Food and Agriculture: *Provided*, That the exemption for certified farmers markets shall not apply to nectarines sorted out by a handler unless the nectarines are packed in containers clearly and legibly marked to show that the nectarines contained therein are only to be sold at certified farmers markets, and the handler complies with regulations established under §§916.41, 916.52(a)(1), 916.55, and 916.60 except that nectarines may be handled to such markets if the nectarines fail to meet the U.S. No. 1 grade only on account of being soft and overripe.

[31 FR 7474, May 24, 1966, as amended at 41 FR 22071, June 1, 1976; 42 FR 23157, May 6, 1977; 47 FR 30452, July 14, 1982; 49 FR 28541, July 13, 1984; 53 FR 15194, Apr. 28, 1988]

§916.115 Lot stamping.

Except when loaded directly into railway cars, exempted under §916.110, or for nectarines mailed directly to consumers in consumer packages, all exposed or outside containers of nectarines, and not less than 75 percent of the total containers on a pallet, shall be plainly stamped, prior to shipment, with a Federal-State Inspection Service lot stamp number, assigned by such Service, showing that such fruit has been USDA inspected in accordance

with §916.55: *Provided*, That for the period April 6, 2002, to October 31, 2002, pallets of returnable plastic containers shall have the lot stamp numbers affixed to each pallet with a USDA-approved pallet tag, in addition to the lot stamp numbers and other required information on cards on the individual containers.

[67 FR 16294, Apr. 5, 2002]

§916.160 Reporting procedure.

(a) *Report of daily packout.* When requested by the Nectarine Administrative Committee, each shipper who ships nectarines shall furnish to the manager of the Nectarine Administrative Committee or its designee a report of the number of packages by container type, by variety and by district of origin, which the shipper packed during the preceding day.

(b) *Recapitulation of shipments.* Each shipper of nectarines shall furnish to the manager of the Nectarine Administrative Committee not later than November 15 of each year a recapitulation of shipments of each variety shipped during the just-completed season. The recapitulation shall show: The name of the shipper, the shipping point, the district of origin, the variety, and the number of packages, by size, for each container type.

(c) *Destination report.* Each shipper who ships nectarines shall furnish to the manager of the Nectarine Administrative Committee a report of the number of packages of nectarines shipped to each destination, and whether the nectarines were yellow-fleshed or white-fleshed, and whether the nectarines were "CA Utility" quality: *Provided*, That handlers who shipped fewer than 50,000 containers or container equivalents of any combination of nectarines, peaches, and plums during the previous season are exempted from these reporting requirements: *Provided further*, That handlers who begin operation during or after the 2001 season shall be exempted from these reporting requirements during their first season of operation. The destination is defined as nectarine shipments to any domestic or international market. Destination information for domestic market shipments shall include city and state,

and zip code, if known. Destination information for international market shipments shall include the country to which shipped. This report shall be submitted by the fifteenth of each month following the month in which nectarine shipments were made.

[39 FR 27116, July 25, 1974, as amended at 63 FR 16039, Apr. 1, 1998; 65 FR 6308, Feb. 9, 2000; 66 FR 39409, July 31, 2001]

EDITORIAL NOTE: After January 1, 1979, “Budget of Expenses and Rate of Assessment” regulations (e.g. sections .200 through .299) and “Handling” regulations (e.g. sections .357 through .399) which are in effect for a year or less, will not be carried in the Code of Federal Regulations. For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting these regulations, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

Subpart—Assessment Rates

§ 916.234 Assessment rate.

On and after March 1, 2002, an assessment rate of \$0.19 per 25-pound container or container equivalent of nectarines is established for California nectarines.

[67 FR 42709, June 24, 2002]

Subpart—Container and Pack Regulation

§ 916.350 California Nectarine Container and Pack Regulation.

(a) During the period beginning April 1 and ending October 31, no handler shall ship any package or container of any variety of nectarines except in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

(1) Such nectarines, when packed in any closed package or container, except master containers of consumer packages, individual consumer packages, and Euro five down reusable plastic containers, shall conform to the requirements of standard pack: *Provided*, That nectarines in any such volume-filled container need only be filled to within one-inch of the top of the container.

(2) Each package or container of nectarines shall bear, on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the word *nectarines* and, except for consumer packages in master containers

and consumer packages mailed directly to consumers, the name of the variety, if known or, when the variety is not known, the words *unknown variety*.

(3) Each package or container of nectarines, except for consumer packages in master containers and consumer packages mailed directly to consumers, shall bear on one outside end clearly and legibly in plain sight and in plain letters the words “U.S. Mature” or “US MAT” if such nectarines are mature as defined in the United States Standards for Grades of Nectarines (7 CFR 51.3145 through 51.3160); or may instead bear on one outside end clearly and legibly in plain sight and in plain letters the words “California Well Matured” or “CA WELL MAT” if such nectarines are well matured as defined in § 916.356.

(4) Each package or container of nectarines shall bear, on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the name and address of the shipper.

(5) Each package or container of nectarines, except consumer packages mailed directly to consumers, shall bear, on one outside end in plain sight and in plain letters, the following count and/or size description of the nectarines as applicable.

(i) The size of nectarines packed in molded forms (tray-packs) in the No. 22D and the No. 32 standard boxes, or consumer packages; No. 22G standard lug boxes, experimental containers; or the No. 12B fruit (peach) boxes or flats; and the size of wrapped nectarines packed in rows in No. 12B fruit (peach) boxes shall be indicated in accordance with the number of nectarines in each container, such as “80 count,” “88 count,” etc.

(ii) The size of nectarines in molded forms (tray-packs) in experimental containers, and in the No. 22G standard lug boxes, shall be indicated according to the number of such nectarines when packed in molded forms in the No. 22D standard lug box or the No. 32 standard box, in accordance with the requirements of standard pack, such as “80 size,” “88 size,” etc., along with count requirements in paragraph (a)(5)(i) of this section.

(iii) The size of nectarines loose-filled or tight-filled in any container shall be indicated according to the number of